

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 30, 2008

5:05 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:
Chair: CW Ward-Pugh
Vice-Chair: CM Heiner
Members: CW Green, CM Owen, CM Engel, CM Johnson and CM Benson

Chairwoman Ward-Pugh announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Pending Legislation

[R-104-06-08 A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERMANENTLY EXEMPT THE DELTA QUEEN FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA LAWS.](#)

Status: In Committee - Held
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to Approve made by Robin Engel and seconded by Tom Owen.

Discussion: Captain Alan Bates was present to speak to this item. The following was discussed:

- The laws were upgraded following a tragedy at sea
- Delta Queen safety features
 - Sprinklers in every passenger room
 - High hazard rooms have carbon dioxide suppression systems
 - Patrolled every twenty minutes by watchman who are watching out for fires
 - Weekly fire and man overboard drills
 - Inspected by the coast guard four times a year
 - The wood is coated with flame resistant paint
 - Furniture is flame resistant
- Safer than sleeping in own home
- Crew s highly trained
- Commercial asset to the city
- Over 30 cities and organizations have passed similar resolutions
- The boat will be docked November 1st if not granted an exemption

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Tina Ward-Pugh, Dan Johnson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

[R-99-06-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A BICYCLE LOOP FROM WATERFRONT PARK TO SOUTHERN INDIANA ACROSS THE K AND I BRIDGE.](#)

Status: In Committee - Tabled
Committee: Transportation/Public Works

Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to Untable made by Stuart Benson and seconded by Tom Owen.

Discussion: David Karem, Waterfront Development Corporation, spoke to this item. The following was discussed:

- CMAQ grant for preliminary work on the Kentuckiana River Trail
- Working with Metro Louisville government, Jeffersonville, IN government, Clarksville, IN government and New Albany, IN government
- This grant would help explore the possibility of using the Eastern Lane of the K and I Bridge
- Status of discussions with Norfolk Southern
 - Limited progress
 - Possible condemnation action
- Time frame

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Tina Ward-Pugh, Dan Johnson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

[R-27-02-08 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED CORRIDOR TO SERVE TRAFFIC FROM THE TUCKER STATION/BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY AREA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES AND TO CONNECT REHL ROAD WITH TAYLORSVILLE ROAD.](#)

Status: In Committee - Held

Committee: Transportation/Public Works

Primary Sponsor: Stuart Benson

Discussion: This item **Remained Held**.

Special Items For Discussion

David Coyte & David Morse - Increase in transit tax; Paula Purifoy, legal counsel for MSD, to speak to the "Recapture Agreement"

David Coyte and David Morse of CART, Katie McBride, citizen, and Barry Barker, TARC, spoke to this item. A handout was given by CART. The following was discussed:

- Asking for support for a ballot initiative to increase funding for TARC
 - 0.2% increase in the occupational tax
 - Generate about \$40 million a year
- Necessary due to rising fuel costs
- Timeframe is short, 43 days to get it on the ballot
- Get a plan from TARC on how it would spend the money
- Expecting more federal funds but will need the money to match it in order to access it
- Effect of rising cost of transportation on new business
- Effect of the tax increase on average citizen
- An increase in funding will do the following:
 - Improve service
 - Restore twentieth century levels of service
 - Explore new routes
 - More frequent buses on existing routes

- Dust off eight advanced transit corridors that were shelved due to lack of funding
- Adequate funding for TARC would do the following:
 - improve housing in Louisville
 - Encourage people to drive less therefore improving air quality
 - Better health of citizens
 - Better for the environment
 - Support businesses
 - Support tourism
 - Good for the local economy
- TARC has been focused on putting together a viable budget and plan for the foreseeable future
- Would like to have it on this next ballot because it is a presidential election which has a higher voter turnout

Randy Stambaugh, MSD, spoke regarding the Recapture Agreement. He showed two maps to the committee (attached). The following was discussed:

- Agreement between MSD, two developers and the City of Middletown
- This is the sixth agreement but the first one presented since change in Chapter 50
- No cost to Metro government
- Regional facilities planned by MSD and approved by the state
- Save the community money
- Helps with water quality
- Three sewer treatment plants will be eliminated under this agreement
- Approximate preliminary cost is seven million dollars
- Recapture portion is two million dollars
- Will help businesses expand as there is currently no available treatment capacity
- MSD had planned to do this eventually but this agreement helped speed it up
- The developers recapture a portion of the two million dollars
- Timeline

Motion to Adjourn made by Tom Owen and seconded by Hal Heiner.

Without objection the meeting Adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

***NOTE: Legislation sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard by the Metro Council at the next meeting on July 10, 2008. Full discussion is available on audio by request of the Metro Council Clerk's Office (502) 574-3902.**

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